

CHILDREN OF EUROPE STEAL TO GET FOOD

European Relief Council to Carry On the Child Feeding—Needs 33 Million Dollars.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—As a natural result of the shortage of food and lack of employment, juvenile crime among all classes of the population has reached alarming proportions in certain sections of Eastern and Central Europe, according to reports from relief workers that have been received at headquarters of the European Relief Council here.

In the city of Vienna alone about 8,000 children accused of crimes were taken before the courts, and of these 80 per cent were accused of thefts of food or food or the money to buy them.

According to statistics of the Juvenile Court of Berlin, the new "criminal classes" are drawn largely from the former pupils of the higher schools. Growing boys and girls, owing to the shortage of labor, were forced into hard factory work during the long course of the war and were utterly unable to get enough to eat from the rationed supplies.

Accordingly, there has been tremendous increase of thefts of food, falsification of bread cards, house-breaking into bakeries and mills, stealing potatoes and turnips in the fields, and taking part in "schleichhandel" or the fraudulent handling of food, in the hope that some would be given them.

Many children stole, not to secure food for themselves, but to relieve the suffering in their families. Others, of course, robbed their parents, sold clothing belonging to brothers or sisters or other small articles they could pilfer.

In some countries, notably Austria, 90 per cent of the children under the age of 10 are seriously starved, and many thousands are dwarfed and crippled for life from continued underfeeding. Since the armistice, American charities, including the American Friends Service Committee in Germany and the American Relief Administration in Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland and the Baltic States, have maintained public feeding stations for the most seriously undernourished of the children under the age of 15.

To carry on the child-feeding among 3,500,000 this winter the European Re-

lief Council, has been formed, comprising the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the American Friends Service Committee, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A., and the Y. W. C. A.

Herbert Hoover has been made chairman and Franklin K. Lane treasurer. It is estimated that \$33,000,000 will be needed this winter, \$23,000,000 for food relief and \$10,000,000 for immediate medical care, if widespread disaster is to be averted.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Edgar Jacobs left for Centralia today on business.

Mrs. E. M. Carter is visiting friends in Centralia today.

T. T. Shumons is in Centralia today on business.

Mrs. Carey D. Crews left for Mexico today to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Estes have just returned to Columbia from a business trip to New York and Washington.

Miss Ruth Giffen left for Sedalia yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

E. A. Horn left for his home in Canton today after attending a state road meeting held here last night.

R. G. Coons and C. Craig left for Seitzler this morning for a day's rabbit hunting.

Miss Gladys Dawson left this afternoon for her home in Leawood, Mo., to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Lucile Gross, a student in the University, left this morning for Cameron, Mo., to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mrs. H. T. Limerick of Boone County is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. George Kehr, 317 South Fifth street.

Miss Ruth Bush, employee of the Columbia Baking Company, left today to spend the holidays at her home in Sturgeon.

Miss Elva Goodline, an instructor at Christian College, left today for Gadsden, Ala., where she will visit her parents during the holidays.

Mrs. Everett Buckley is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. M. Nichols, in Centralia today. Mrs. Nichols will leave for Springfield, Mo., tomorrow to visit her stepdaughter, Mrs. W. M. Vincent.

Miss Jen Farrell, of the agricultural statistician's office, went to Clarence yesterday to visit her mother and other relatives. She expects to visit in Shelby and Macon before returning about the middle of next week.

W. B. Lewellen and wife of Laddonia, Mo., are visiting T. J. Holloway in Columbia. Mr. and Mrs. Lewellen will stay at the Daniel Boone Tavern for a few days and then go to Kansas City where they will meet Miss Pauline Holloway.

Miss Holloway will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Lewellen to Los Angeles, where she will spend the winter. T. J. Holloway will accompany Mr. and Mrs. H. Lewellen to Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shepherd departed yesterday for Bowling Green where they are to attend the funeral of Frank Martin, a brother of Mrs. Shepherd.

Desmond Matthews, a graduate of the College of Agriculture and at present in charge of the United States Experiment Station located at Raleigh, N. C., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews. Mr. Matthews is to remain in Columbia until after the holidays.

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